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SUBJ : BHUTTO INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN JOURNALIST

1. NOVEMBER 15 PAK PRESS CARRIED TEXT OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND INDIAN JOURNALIST MOTI RAM, FIRST INDIAN TO INTERVIEW PM OVER PAST THREE YEARS. INTERVIEW WITH RAM, DESCRIBED BY INDIAN EMB HERE AS ELDERLY EX-FREEDOM FIGHTER WHOSE ARTICLES APPEAR FROM TIME TO TIME IN NATIONAL HERALD AND ELSEWHERE, TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER 23, BUT WAS NOT RELEASED FOR SEVEN WEEKS.

2. INTERVIEW WAS CURIOUS IN THAT EACH PARTY INTERVIEWED THE OTHER, MARKED DIFFERENCE FROM CUSTOMARY BHUTTO APPROACH. THIS FORMAT ALLOWED MOTI RAM TO OBSERVE IN COURSE DISCUSSION OF KASHMIR ISSUE, WHICH DOMINATED INTERVIEW, THAT "NO GOVERNMENT IN INDIA CAN MAINTAIN ITSELF IN POWER IF IT SURRENDERS ANY PART OF KASHMIR NOW HELD BY INDIA," A POINT RARELY SEEN IN PAK PRESS. BHUTTO REJOINED THAT "NO GOVERNMENT IN PAKISTAN WILL LET ITS STRENGTH GO TO ITS HEAD AND THINK IT CAN SURVIVE IF IT ACCEPTS THE PRESENT POSITION IN THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR."

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PM REJECTED MOTI RAM'S SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE FREE MOVEMENT

BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KASHMIR.

3. INTERVIEW ALSO PROVIDED PM OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN GOP DETERMINATION TO GO AHEAD WITH REPROCESSING PLANT. AS FAR AS PAKISTAN IS CONCERNED, HE STATED, THE FRANCO-PAK AGREEMENT "IS THERE." "THE FRENCH ALSO SAY THAT THEY INTEND TO HONOUR THIS AGREEMENT. WE WILL NOT RETRACT FROM THE AGREEMENT. I DO NOT EXPECT THE FRENCH TO DO SO, EITHER. WE ARE GOING TO GET THE REPROCESSING PLANT. IF THE FRENCH ACCEPT THE CONTENTION OF THE AMERICANS THAT OUR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN FOOLPROOF SAFEGUARDS, WE DON'T MIND TALKING ABOUT REWORDING THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSES BECAUSE OUR INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN USING THE REPROCESSING PLANT FOR RECYCLING NUCLEAR WASTE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS." "OUR REQUIREMENT OF A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT," PM CONCLUDED, "IS FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."  
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